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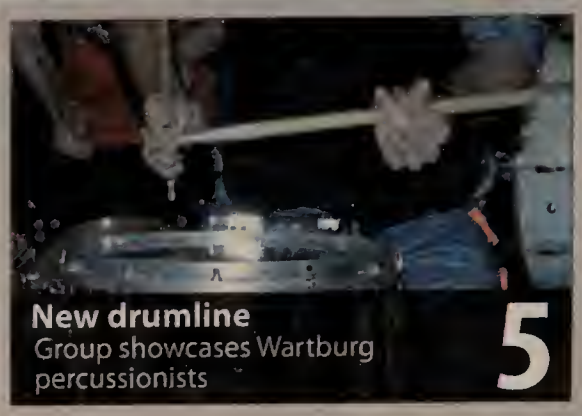

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Panel examines Mark Becker trial

Judge Stephen Carroll, jury foreman Doug Schueler and Waverly attorney Karen Thalacker discuss the Mark Becker trial on Wartburg's Constitution Day. — **Emily Novotny**/*TRUMPET*

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"The law is not all black or white," Judge Stephen Carroll said as he spoke to Wartburg students and faculty along with Waverly community members on Constitution Day about the highly publicized Mark Becker trial.

Every year on Sept. 17 Wartburg recognizes what is called Constitution Day with a variety of different programs focusing on a timely topic of civic interest.

Carroll's speech, "A Fair Trial in a Small Town: State of Iowa vs. Mark Becker," revisited the case of the convicted murderer of Aplington-Parkersburg football coach Ed Thomas.

Carroll, who presided over the Becker trial, began his speech with background information on the Mark Becker case.

Carroll said on June 24, 2009, Mark Becker shot and killed A-P football coach Ed Thomas.

That morning, Becker practiced shooting, Carroll said.

"He knew that he had to get really close to Coach Thomas to kill him," Carroll said.

Ed Thomas was a well-respected coach and community member, having helped rebuild Parkersburg after a devastating tornado, Carroll said.

The Becker family was highly regarded within the community as well, Becker being a former player for Thomas, Carroll said.

Carroll said he knew this case was different from previous murder cases and different from the previous cases he tried.

"I knew that Mark Becker had a prior history of mental illness. Because of that I knew he would urge the insanity defense," Carroll said.

Carroll said the insanity defense is a last ditch defense with little if any success.

The longer the history of a mental illness, the greater the likelihood the insanity defense would be successful, Carroll said.

Karen Thalacker, a Waverly attorney, said a lot of people do not realize how much work went into getting Becker a fair trial.

"There was no doubt that he was mentally ill, the question was did his mental illness meet the definition of insanity under Iowa Law," Thalacker said.

Carroll said it is a judge's job to make sure the defendant gets a fair trial.

Carroll said it is not his place to say whether he agreed or disagreed with the charge, he acted as a filter and managed the court room.

"Keep an open mind until you hear all the evidence," Carroll said.

Jury foreman for the Becker case Doug Schueler said it was difficult to come to a decision.

Being a juror, you have to take really good notes and pay close attention to details, Schueler said. Deliberating several days took its toll, he said.

"They don't really prepare you for this job," Schueler said.

Audience member MacKenzie Compton said having this happen in Iowa made people feel a close connection to this case.

Having so much media attention around it, she said it made it interesting to hear this side of the case.

"It being such a high profile case and all the media, I think it touched everyone's hearts in the state of Iowa," Compton said.

Wartburg will not consider future tuition freeze

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Wartburg will not consider a tuition freeze in the near future, Edie Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management, said.

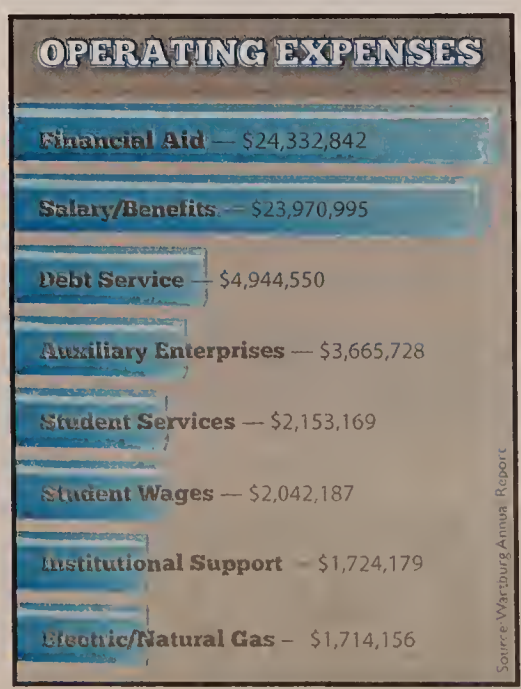
Ultimately it is Wartburg's Board of Regents that determines tuition at Wartburg, Waldstein said.

"I think at this point in time Wartburg is very aware of these kinds of models for tuition pricing and financial aid. We have studied them, we have not seen any clear success stories at any of the colleges that have implemented this," Waldstein said. "It still carries along some risk and disadvantages and that is why we have opted not to do this."

This past year at least six colleges have implemented a tuition freeze, according to FinAid.org. Among the schools considering these freezes are the public universities in Iowa.

Waldstein said in order for an institution to freeze tuition realistically the college would have to cut aid that is awarded to the students because the school still has to come out with students paying the same net price to make the business model work.

"It may look good from marketing perspective, but in the end in terms of what the students are actually paying it is unusual to actually have students paying less," Waldstein said.



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Hollis Hanson-Pollock, student body president, said the biggest expense by far at Wartburg is student aid, which is why tuition goes up every year because student aid goes up.

"For tuition to not go up, they would have to not raise or decrease scholarships which would make us less competitive to perspective students," Hanson-Pollock said.

Wartburg has tried to keep the tuition increases as low as possible and the students always in the forefront of the college's mind, Waldstein said.

Hanson-Pollock said she thought the only way

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Despite economy, college still a good investment

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College is worth more than the diploma, recent alumna Sarah Van said.

"I would never trade who I am now for who I was in high school," Van said.

Despite the economic downturn that has affected most of the country, college continues to be a good investment, especially for those who receive financial aid, an article from the Huffington Post said.

The article did not cover the personal growth that occurs throughout a college career, but

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NEWS

Education students share concerns over Chicago strike

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Kathy Book, an education professor talks to her human relations class. — Emily Novotny/ *TRUMPET*

Wartburg education majors said they were surprised that teachers chose to strike in Chicago to make their voices heard.

The Chicago Public School district, the third largest district in the nation, closed Sept. 10 and reopened Sept. 19 while teachers protested for smaller class sizes and pay raises. About 350,000 students were not able to attend school during the strike.

Education majors have been discussing in their classes the impact the strike made. Topics included the welfare of students, the use of unions and how Wartburg graduates might bring about change in Iowa school districts without a strike.

"As teachers, we couldn't see ourselves doing that because we think of all the students who are missing out," Jill Kuehnle said.

Allison Krehbiel said she was concerned about the welfare of the students during the strike.

"A lot of it revolves around the students and how they're affected by it," she said. "Is it benefiting the students?"

Even though students were not in class, the schools were open for lunch and many area churches opened their doors to keep the children out of trouble during the day, Krehbiel said.

"Striking is a little weird in education because you are leaving the kids out," Stacey Knoll said.

Both Krehbiel and Knoll said, changes needed to be made in the Chicago school district. Krehbiel said class sizes and case loads, particularly in special education classrooms, were growing too large for teachers to provide quality education.

Knoll also said teacher quality was at stake, but the strike may not have been the most effective strategy.

"I think being in the classroom and doing other things to reach out for your students and get those benefits without actually striking would be a better option," she said. Knoll said she did not know what that option was, but knows unions are an option in Iowa.

"There's a place for unions, there's also other ways to go about getting your voice heard," Kathy Book, an education professor, said.

Kuehnle is still researching the effectiveness of unions. She said the recent strike made her more interested in the role of unions and she is eager to learn more both in and out of class. Unions are discussed during class, but not in-depth, she said.

"I think for our students going into a school district and being part of a union, they want to go about it tactfully. Listen, hear all sides before jumping on a bandwagon," Book said.

Project Respect aims to provide a safe environment for students

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Project Respect is an organization creating a safe campus community for all through dialogue. — Emily Novotny/ *TRUMPET*

Project Respect hosted a training program Tuesday, Sept. 18 which aims to create a safe environment for all members of the Wartburg community.

The idea of Project Respect has existed for many years as a national program called "Safe Zone." These programs would act as identifiers to the public of where people could go to be a part of a "safe" environment.

Wartburg's version of this program, called Project Respect, started in 2005 with a goal to create a safe zone for all members of the Wartburg community regardless of sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, gender orientation, age or ability.

"As we all know, Wartburg is a small campus. We love the relationships we are able to make with others and value the 'homey feeling' that campus has," alumna Emily Timmermans said. "Although it's easy for some people to make connections more quickly than others, everyone needs someone to talk to."

Timmermans said Project Respect is important because it gives people a place to go and someone to talk to that they can trust.

At the Project Respect training session, students, faculty and staff participated in a certification process. At the end they received a sticker they can post as a signal that they are an ally for the program.

Cassie Hales, an adviser for Alliance, said she believes this program is important at Wartburg because it represents minorities on campus.

"We want the majority to be allies to minorities," Hales said.

Hales said the training session described what Project Respect is and made people ready to become allies. The session came to a close when the members signed an agreement to have their names posted on the website, and received their stickers to be visible allies on campus.

"There is a great witness of students who were willing to stand up and lead, and have been good witnesses to fellow students," Rev. Ramona Bouzard, Dean of Chapel said. "It's always scary to put one's self forth. It takes courage."

Bouzard said participants come for a variety of reasons and she hopes to equip people to be supporters.

"Generally people come from personal experiences or they don't like the way a community or someone talked about an individual, so they want to learn more about how to help," Bouzard said.

Art lab moves to new studio in FAC

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The Wartburg College Art Department gave their graphic design lab a new home on the main floor of the Fine Arts Center this past summer.

After presenting a proposal to the school during the last academic year, the department decided to move the lab out of the basement of the Fine Arts Center and into an art studio. The budget for the entire project was approximately $20,000.

The new space includes a pin board wall, more computers for students to work on and a new ventilation system. The lab will be used for classes such as Graphic Design, Photography and Communication Design.

Assistant Art Professor David Herwaldt said one of the main reasons for the change is because the space was too small. Issues such as not enough critique space and not enough computer space for his students made teaching much harder for him, he said.

"It was amazing how inefficient the room downstairs was," Herwaldt said.

Additional changes to the space include a new wall built between the front and back of the room and adding a new art classroom directly next to the art lab. The old lab location will now be used as a work room with cutting boards and copy stands for students.

The physical divide between the design classes and the traditional art classes also became a main component to the transformation. Herwaldt said that he wants all areas in the art department to come together as one and work with one another.

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The new art lab is equipped with more computers and the lab will hold classes such as photography. — Emily Novotny/ *TRUMPET*

Internet and cable problems arise

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Although bandwidth was added this year, the high number of devices requiring wireless is slowing it down, especially in Grossman and Lohë resident halls, Assistant Vice President for Information Technology Services Gary Wipperman said.

The Internet slow down comes even after adding extra access points over the summer, Wipperman said.

"It appears that the number of wireless devices trying to connect to access points are overflowing it," Wipperman said.

Lohë resident Julia Falls said she's not only noticing the slow Internet, but problems with cable service as well.

Mediacom was on campus to figure out and fix the cable service last Wednesday.

"All of our cable channels have been out since last week. We get the basic channels like Fox and the Wartburg channel, but nothing else," Falls said.

She said they had similar problems with the cable last year when she lived in Centennial Complex Physical Plant Director John Wuertz said the new wiring that Mediacom installed should fix the issues with cable service. If problems do continue though, he said students should call maintenance.

Wipperman said if the Internet is slow, one way to speed it up is to plug the computer into the Internet jack. Doing this will make it faster and is also more secure than using the wireless service, he said.

Wipperman said students should unplug and disconnect any devices that are not in use if they are experiencing problems. He said if issues with the Internet persist, students can call ITS.

NEWS

Natural resources class evaluates trees

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Students have created a tree grading scale that the Waverly Public Works Department will use when they assess trees in making improvements to sidewalks and streets in Waverly's Fourth Street Corridor.

The condition and value of trees were evaluated Sept. 21 with the help of David McCullough's Conservation of Natural Resources class.

The grading scale takes into account location of the trees to the streets, buildings or utility lines, species, age, desirable or undesirable traits, sentimental value, relation to the ecosystem and overall health and condition.

"One of the things I learned is that Waverly is very environmentally conscious, and they are trying to be proactive in dealing with their property," John Kleppe said.

City Engineer, Mike Cherry, contacted McCullough, a friend, about creating a grading system for the trees on Fourth Street between Dairy Queen and Burger King.

David McCullough's class graded trees between Dairy Queen and Burger King. — Emily Novotny/ *TRUMPET*

Cherry said the system is not intended for condemnation of trees, but to identify and evaluate their health. This way, when improvements to the area are made, the city has an idea in advance where trimming needs to be done and where construction can take place, he said.

Dick Crayne, city administrator, said Waverly has contracted with an engineering firm to do a preliminary study on the Fourth Street Corridor. He said the area has a lot of traffic and a large number of car accidents.

"Widening the street is an option," Crayne said, which would mean possibly removing some trees along the street. "The City Council is questioning whether the street is truly a priority for the near future."

Crayne said no proposals for construction have been made yet.

The engineering study will be completed in about three months and the council will use this information to create plans for the corridor, Crayne said.

Cherry said the city is working toward improving traffic safety and pedestrian walkways, and evaluating the trees in this area is part of these improvements.

McCullough said residents often have sentimental attachments to trees near their homes, but they are on public property and may be causing a visual block on the street or leaving debris on cars.

"Even though people can use public easements to grow trees, the city still has the right to manipulate that area," McCullough said.

The class will be creating a report that includes the addresses of the trees, their grade and the reasoning behind their grade.

"I think that this project will help make Waverly look cleaner and better cared for," Kleppe said.

"It was a teachable moment, so I decided to bring it into the classroom," McCullough said. "I could have done this all myself, but I figured this is something that helps us all learn."

Academic catalog goes paperless with online version

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This academic year Wartburg's course catalog is now available online for students and faculty. This new change comes during a time when Wartburg is starting to become more sustainable, registrar Sheree Covert said.

In the past, every two years Wartburg would print course catalogs for students and faculty to use. Students used the catalog for figuring out classes they wanted or needed to take and faculty used it to make sure students were meeting the course requirements.

Before starting the process of putting the catalog online, Fred Ribich, director of institutional research, said he talked with other schools and got their opinion on making the switch to online and what software would be the best to use.

"The feedback was all positive from moving from a print version to an online version," Ribich said.

Wartburg has been talking about implementing the online catalog for some time.

At the beginning of last year Wartburg started looking at different options and in June they refined the program so it would be ready for the 2012-2013 year, Covert said.

"The program offers you a lot of different features to navigate and find the information," Covert said.

Some of the features allow students to build their own personal course catalog to go along with their major and previous years' catalogs are available online now as well, Covert said.

With making the transition to online there was a cost factor that Wartburg had to consider. The initial up front cost was more than what it would cost to print this year's catalogs, Ribich said.

The move to an online catalog will save Wartburg about $2,000 annually. This is assuming that printing costs continue to increase, and then the savings would likely be more than this in the future, Ribich said.

"If you look at it from a five year span, making that investment now in an online version and saving the money on future catalogs, there was a definite benefit," Ribich said.

Rachel Kist is a student who is not a fan of the new online catalog.

"I am just a visual person and I like things I can look at and I like to highlight important information," Kist said.

Some of the reasons that Wartburg has decided to go paperless is because it is easier to navigate and more portable, Covert said.

All department chairs have had training on how to work the new website, Ribich said.

Kist said students might have trouble with using the new system if they have not been taught to use it.

"Well first of all they have to figure out where to go to find it and having all students go online to figure out their classes might be difficult. You never know what might happen with the Internet as well," Kist said.

Ribich said although there is concern about changes, so far it is going well.

"So far with starting the new online course catalog there has been nothing but positive feedback," Covert said.

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"I feel both branches of the art department have a lot to share and by bringing them together, we have a real sense of connections," Herwaldt said.

Herwaldt said he enjoys the ability to move around and work with his students in a more comfortable, practical space.

"I like it a lot," Herwaldt said. "It doesn't feel like a dungeon."

For students like Danielle Miller, the feeling is mutual. The fourth-year Communication Design major hopes potential Wartburg students enjoy the luxury of the new classroom.

"It's just cleaner, nicer and easier to present and work in," Miller said. "I think students will like that."

Higher education still offers career benefits for students

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Van said that was as invaluable as the monetary investment.

However, the true value of college, Van said, largely depends on the student and the choices they make throughout their time on campus.

"If you're skipping classes or flunking out, then you're wasting money no matter how much tuition costs," Van said.

A 2011 graduate, Nicole Oberhoffer, said the choice to go to college has already seen dividends in her post-college life.

"Without the degree that I earned I would not have received the two job offers I got right out of school and I wouldn't have had the opportunity to apply for the position I have now which is a wonderful career path. I needed a degree for these positions to even apply," Oberhoffer said.

Ashley Kovarik talks to financial aid about graduating in three years to save money on tuition expenses.— Emily Novotny/ *TRUMPET*

Derek Solheim, director of Pathways, said a big part of making college, and especially private colleges like Wartburg, worth your up-front dollar investment is getting involved and creating a foundation for your resume from the time you set foot on campus to your commencement day.

"Wartburg has so many great opportunities, and it's a matter of getting involved and keeping your resumé in mind from first year on. It's never too early to start building that and it's an essential tool for students," Solheim said.

The difference, Solheim said, is in how students prepare themselves for life after college while in college.

Oberhoffer said having a college degree, even in the current economy, gives graduates a leg up in the working world.

"Without it the economy would probably end up hitting you even harder. Having a minimum wage job while prices keep rising is worse off than having some debt but being able to obtain a position where you can make better salary, have better job security, and therefore manage that debt," Oberhoffer said.

Overall, Solheim said, the level of return on investment is largely dependent on the individual.

"It's my experience that the more you invest in yourself and become engaged in this place, the more doors that tend to be opened when you're beginning to write the next chapter of your life," Solheim said. "And then also know that you're really just starting to write that next chapter."

Tuition freeze unlikely at Wartburg

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Wartburg would consider a tuition freeze was if every other college did it. If the school cut financial aid then prospective students would not be as interested.

"If you are a senior you are kind of paying extra for the good scholarships for the first years but then when you were a first year your scholarship was only that good because the seniors before you did the same thing," Hanson-Pollock said.

Waldstein said the college enters every year with well-researched discussions regarding tuition setting.

"I think we value getting to know students well and serving their needs well and being flexible and being able to personalize the service and education we provide students," Waldstein said.

Opinion & Editorial

What Student Senate does for you

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Wartburg College Student Senate is an organization dedicated to making a difference on campus.

Each year the organization communicates between faculty and students concerning the needs of the student body.

Student senators include students from a variety of backgrounds and majors comprising a diverse group of individuals for the discussion of key issues on campus. As a student senator of Wartburg College, I am excited to share with you what Student Senate does for the student body.

Senate is involved in residence halls, technology, sustainability, student organizations and political initiatives on campus.

Residence Hall Councils and the Residence Hall staff work together to provide an improvement project for each residence hall each semester. Various projects are implemented across campus including white boards in study lounges, TVs and DVDs and cleaning supplies.

Individuals on Hall Council and separate committees gather student concerns and bring them to Senate where the concerns are forwarded to the proper faculty members.

Technology is a large part of the student life here at Wartburg College. The main form of communication on campus is email and email cannot be used without the Internet and technology. Student Senate has been the mediator of technology concerns and praises from the student body.

Senate has also played a large role in the wireless initiative to bring Internet access to campus, and each year senators continue to voice student concerns for technology.

Sustainability at Wartburg College is very important, and Student Senate has partnered with the Sustainability office to start recycling initiatives, offer coupons for reusable water bottles in the bookstore and assist with Campus Sustainability Day in October.

With approximately 100 organizations, almost every Wartburg student is involved in a student organization whether it be a sport, an academic, art or a club just for fun. Student Senate approves every organization on campus and works with Student Life to ensure organizations continue to benefit the student body.

Politically, Student Senate is involved in letter writing campaigns and informing all students of voting procedures during an election year. Last year, the academic policies committee initiated a letter writing campaign to inform politicians about the importance of financial aid for students in college.

Watch for information from your senator about ways to get involved with Senate's initiatives and be sure to follow Wartburg College Senate on Facebook and Twitter.

"Senate wants to reflect the voice of every student [on campus] and is comprised of a variety of students. It is important to communicate with us if you have a concern.

"We want to represent you," Student Body President, Hollis Hanson-Pollock said.

Choice Words | Wartburg Sounds Off

I stayed in my dorm room all weekend writing papers instead of going out with my friends.
- Welcome to senior year

Dear Freshmen,
There are designated group study areas and there are quiet study areas on the third floor of the library. Read the signs and figure your stuff out.
- I have faith in you

Dear Dining Services,
Requiring me (a sophomore) to have a 15+ meal plan in order to be more engaged is not cool. I don't need to eat in the Mensa every meal to be social— especially when I have class throughout lunch.
- I am already engaged in at least eight campus organizations

If Wartburg really wanted to prepare students for the real world, they would require all students to live off-campus. Cooking, cleaning and figuring out how garbage day works are all life skills everyone needs to learn.
- Maybe more important than taking IS

I am concerned with the dining service hours.
- Hungry after 10

Is it bad that whenever I hear Ke$sha's "Take it off" and she says "It's a hole in the wall, it's a dirty free for all..." I think of The Ledge?
- Freshmen will learn

I hear Matt_City shaves his whole body every day in the steam room.
- #PersonalEncounter

ETK,
I am glad the officers decided to save up for the Large Event...since they are all third-years and will enjoy the show next year.
- Disappointed senior

Dear Super Cool Skateboard Dudes,
I don't mind you falling every single time you try to take the curve outside the Chapel really, really fast and making a fool out of yourself, but I do mind when you nearly run into me everyday.
-Scared for my life

Dear Konditorei,
Your banana bread tastes like angels dancing on my taste buds.
- Fan of delicious flavor

Girl in the Mensa,
You don't need to shout, my friends and I don't want to hear your lame story.
- Just trying to enjoy lunch

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Senior Year Experience

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"I'm almost finished!" is a common remark I hear from college seniors who are about to graduate.

However, the reality is that in the back of many seniors' minds is a feeling of panic. They question what step to take next, how to get started and how to successfully transition from college to work. It's important for seniors to know they are not alone and guidance is available.

The Senior Year Experience (SYE) is a series of interactive programs to help you in your transition from college into the next chapter of your life.

Topics range from job hunting skills to managing a budget to learning how to find an apartment. Sessions are presented by a variety of campus administrators, alumni and local community leaders.

By getting involved in the Senior Year Experience events, you will:

- Discover available on-campus resources.
- Prepare yourself for the many roles of a Wartburg College graduate in your home, community and workplace.
- Begin to understand how to successfully balance your family, career, and civic responsibilities.
- Learn best practices and lower your anxiety as graduation approaches.

The next nine months will be extremely exciting and busy. Equip yourself with the tools to be successful in whatever lies ahead of you.

To learn more about the Senior Year Experience, go to www.wartburg.edu/careers/sye.aspx or contact Derek Solheim, Pathways Center associate director for career services at (319) 352-8425.

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11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
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Exploring Grad School Options—McCoy West

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KNIGHTLIFE

Wartburg welcomes Miss Iowa Teen USA to the class of 2016

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An incoming freshman at Wartburg is finishing up her year as Miss Iowa Teen USA 2012.

Carissa Becker, originally from Waterloo, achieved this title last year when she won the pagent through the the Miss Universe pageantry in the teen division.

The Miss Universe program consists of teen divisions including Miss Teen USA, Miss USA and Miss Universe.

"It was an amazing feeling to be part of such a great experience," Becker said. "It's a feeling you can't even express and I couldn't believe I accomplished."

Participants are judged on three categories in the Miss Teen USA pageant, including swimsuit competition, evening gown wear and personality interview. Sponsorships are also needed to compete in this pageant.

"I believe Carissa really benefited from the interview," Brianna Becker, Carissa's sister and junior at Wartburg said. "She has great confidence and personality along with a natural smile."

Carissa Becker won her crown last October. — Submitted Photo

Becker had little experience before competing in the Miss Universe pageant, only competing in one other pageant before winning the Miss Iowa Teen USA competition.

"One day I just received an application for the pageant in the mail and decided to try it out," Becker said. "I applied and was accepted and I guess it just started from there."

Only a year later, Becker has earned top honors and has been fulfilling her crown by participating in the Iowa Children's hospital telephone fundraiser, the Dan Gable celebrity golf tournament and the Iowa State Dance Marathon.

As a freshman, Becker is just starting to get involved with activities on campus including Entertainment ToKnight, Manna, Adopt-a-grandparent and working for Admissions.

"I try to participate in as many events as my schedule will allow," said Becker. "Being a part of this organization has really been a great experience and I'm happy to be involved."

Becker was not really sure what to expect when getting involved in the pageant system. She said she was pleasantly surprised by the results.

"The relationships I've formed have been my favorite part of competing in the pageant system," Becker said. "I have met the most amazing people and can honestly say I have a friend in every state."

Becker's family has strongly supported her journey into becoming Miss Iowa Teen. Two of her family members attend Wartburg College and said they are very happy for her.

"Our entire family is so proud of her accomplishments," said Alex Becker, Carissa's cousin and student at Wartburg College. "She has worked really hard this year in making sure she represents the Miss Teen pageant and Miss Iowa in a great way."

Carissa's sister, Brianna Becker, also thought Carissa's involvement in pageants has brought them closer and she is happy to be a part of her support system.

On Oct. 14, Becker will give up her crown and give her farewell speech at the next Miss Iowa Teen USA pageant held in Newton, Iowa.

"Even though I'm really sad about giving up my crown, I'm excited to watch and be a part of this year's pageant," Becker said.

Becker is unsure about future pageants.

"I've always wanted to try out for Miss USA but I guess it just depends on what lies ahead," she said.

Members of the new drumline practice.— Emily Novotny/*TRUMPET*

Valentine starts a new drumline at Wartburg

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A new drumline is ready to roll at Wartburg.

Alex Valentine, a physics education major, held auditions on Sept. 11 for seven spots on the line which will play percussion works at Wartburg games, pep rallies and parades. The group plans to premiere at Kastle Kapers during Homecoming or, if ready earlier, the Luther football game.

Valentine has taken the initiative to lead the group under the supervision of former percussionists: Hans Pregler, production manager for Neumann Auditorium and alumna Julie Drewes, visual media manager for Marketing and Communications.

"There's a spark that's been missing from campus that I think the drumline can bring back, especially in watching the football games in the student section," Valentine said.

Valentine, who has been playing drums for 11 years, expressed disappointment as a freshman that the college did not have a drumline.

Equipment for a drumline was donated two years ago by alumna Kate Glenney's former high school for the specific purpose of having her start a line. An attempt last year to put one together quickly dissolved.

"We have some perfectly good used drum equipment," Drewes said. "[Glenney] has been trying to get a drumline going for years now, but never got it off the ground."

The drumline consists of four snare drums, four bass drums, three cymbals and two sets of quads. Drewes and Pregler are working to raise money for harnesses for the drums.

"It's unheard of for a Division III school to do this because they just don't have the money for it," Drewes said. "We have the equipment donated. The most expensive things are under our belt."

Tyler Creed has been helping Valentine put the line together and is the lead snare drummer. He said now that there is interest, he hopes the group continues to grow.

"We have enough people to have a drumline, but we could definitely use some more committed people to step up and join, even if they have no previous experience with percussion or even music at all," Creed said.

Valentine and Creed hope to bring in different styles for cadences, or works played exclusively by percussion, but above all create a unique Wartburg sound.

"When we're coming down the street in the parade, I want people to know, 'That's Wartburg,'" Valentine said.

Drewes hopes to boost school spirit with the addition of a drumline to the pep band at football and basketball games.

"We're looking for something to get kids out of their dorm rooms, come to an event and support our athletes in a fun way," Drewes said.

Wartburg's Ultimate Frisbee team is not an ordinary club

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Frisbees fly across Clinton Field as students run from one end zone to another trying to score.

This group of students is Wartburg's Ultimate Frisbee team. They practice and compete across the Midwest like any other athletic team at Wartburg.

Ultimate Frisbee consists of two teams trying to get the frisbee into their opponent's endzone.

"Often times we are playing against schools much bigger than Wartburg; we played against Wisconsin LaCrosse, we played against Iowa, Iowa State and Northern Iowa," Kyle Palmolea, one of the three captains, said.

The other two captains are Aaron Schendel and Kjerstin Lewis.

The season begins in the fall and goes through the entire school year. Palmolea said the team begins each season recruiting at the involvement fair.

"We are a little different though, we set up a table outside "The W" and have people throwing around," Palmolea said. "We think it's a little more effective, people see us out there and get a feel for what the sport is actually like."

This year's team has about 24 co-ed members, he said, and no experience is necessary.

The team's faculty adviser is Neil Martinsen-Burrell. He said he has been the adviser for three years.

"I love ultimate. I played when I was in grad school and after sort of wherever I live I try and find a way to play," Martinsen-Burrell said.

Last January Wartburg hosted their first Ultimate Frisbee Tournament in "the W." The tournament was called "One Knight Stand" and four other schools came to compete. Palmolea said he is hoping it will turn into an annual event and they would like to add another tournament in November.

Palmolea said the team would have the chance to make more money by hosting a second tournament and getting more teams to register.

"That way we can start paying for our own things like jerseys and make travel a little easier," Palmolea said.

Ultimate Frisbee team members practice on Clinton Field for a competition. — Emily Novotny/*TRUMPET*

KNIGHTLIFE

Wartburg's roommate process explained

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College is the first time some students have to share a room for an extended period of time.

While some people come to Wartburg knowing who they want to room with, there are others that decide to have a roommate selected randomly for them.

"I think that if you live with someone you don't know versus someone you already do your experience is going to be different, even if it is different for a month or two weeks or something it is going to be a different situation," Wes Brooks, director of residential life, said.

The questions on cards mailed out to new students are decided by admission staff. One factor is looking at questions used by other colleges, Brooks said.

"The little things are the most impactful for roommates is what we found. It's the when do you go to bed, when do you wake up, what kind of music do you listen to, what kind of TV shows do you watch," Brooks said.

After all of the cards have been returned the answers are put into a database where they process them in terms of matches, Brooks said.

"We generate a list and all of the people that have ones fall into this and twos and so forth as their number one choice," Brooks said.

Lists are generated for different categories then used to create matches, Brooks said.

This is not the only factor in who gets paired with whom. Admission has some input as well as athletic teams if they have to move in early.

"If you were not living close to someone or with another person that was an early arrival for sports or student employment or whatever the case might be it could get kind of lonely in those first weeks," Brooks said. "Then all of a sudden they are having a bad experience before classes even start."

While the goal is for each roommate pairing to be positive, that is not always the case.

Students are not forced to remain with their paired roommate, the hope is that they will be able to talk through whatever is causing problems, Brooks said.

Macy Walz did not have a good roommate right away. Walz said her first roommate and she never communicated, and she did not feel comfortable in her own room.

"I tried to stay really positive about it and give it some time but nothing ever changed so I knew I had to get out," Walz said.

Even if some roommate pairings do not work out, there are those that do.

"My roommate experience my first year was great. I was very lucky. We got along just great and had no conflicts," Zach Sommers said.

Marcus Gaskill (left), Justin Meyer and Nick Dash (right) did not use the random pairing option and picked their own roommates this year. — **Emily Novotny**/*TRUMPET*

Ukulele club allows students the chance to 'destress'

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A fresh, new sound is coming from the Wartburg Fine Arts Center on Tuesday evenings. Dubbed the "ukulele club," members comprise this new organization on campus.

Traditionally played in Hawaii, the ukulele is a four-stringed musical instrument similar to the guitar. Music written for the instrument consists mainly of chord symbols which show a player's finger positions rather than notes.

Chas Beeler the ukulele club founder, said the organization began last summer.

"The foundation for the club started at band camp this year. Some campers' hands were too small for guitars, so they switched to ukuleles," Beeler said. "Everyone had such a great time playing together, I thought we could carry it over into the school year."

The Ukulele club meets Tuesday nights in the FAC. — **Jeanne Edson**/*TRUMPET*

"I am extremely amazed at the amount of attention we have received on campus. I couldn't have imagined this,"

Chas Beeler said.

Students' interest has manifested itself into a Facebook group with 22 members and an active playing group averaging ten members per meeting. Students do not have to be experienced musicians.

"We all decide what music we want to play. More experienced ukulele players teach basic chords and strumming patterns," Beeler said. "We're open to all skill levels."

Unlike the more formal musical groups at Wartburg, Beeler said ukulele club has a simple goal: to "destress." There are no auditions, no chair placements, or prior learning requirements needed to participate.

"We aren't as competitive. I know a lot of our members come here for stress relief," Beeler said. "We wanted to make sure the club is open to everyone, no matter what their ability."

Despite the ukulele's recent prominence in the musical world, Beeler said he is surprised how popular both the instrument and the club have become. "We have only had one meeting," Beeler said. "I am extremely amazed at the amount of attention we have received on campus. I couldn't have imagined this."

With all the sudden recognition, Beeler and his group may be looking to be recognized by the college.

"We are thinking about becoming an official club, which could help us gain even more members," Beeler said

While the group is not focused on performances, Beeler said he and other ukulele club members have been toying with the possibility of presenting a song for Kastle Kapers at this year's Homecoming.

"We thought it could be a fun way to showcase what we do at the club. But we are not focused on performing," Beeler said.

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SPORTS

Men's soccer drops three in a row

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Nick McDonald's goal in the 87th minute spoiled Wartburg's comeback and sent Dubuque home with a 2-1 win.

The Knights hosted the Spartans in both team's IIAC openers Saturday and rallied from a 1-0 defecit to tie the game before McDonald's second goal.

Head coach Kirk Artist declined to comment after the game.

The game was scoreless at halftime before McDonald's first goal put the Spartans on top in the 59th minute.

Freshman Zubeen Azari answered in the 75th minute with the first goal of his career.

McDonald notched his tenth goal of the season when he fired from the top of the box into the bottom right corner of the goal.

The game was chippy throughout as two yellow cards were handed to Dubuque players in the second half.

Goalkeeper Zak Kohlmeyer made seven saves as Wartburg was outshot 19-11 including 9-6 in shots on goal.

The win gave Dubuque a 1-0 conference record and 6-2 record overall while Wartburg fell to 0-1 in the IIAC and 2-4-1 overall before Sunday's match.

In other opening Iowa Conference action Saturday, No. 4 Loras handed Buena Vista a 10-0 thumping, Central defeated Luther 1-0 and Simpson took down Coe 2-0.

The Knights hosted Gustavus Adolphus in non-conference play Wednesday night, falling 1-0.

Zach Brown scored in the sixth minute off a corner kick in a game that saw little action.

The Knights only managed 13 shots but the Golden Gusties had even less with nine.

The teams managed a total of seven shots on goal.

Wartburg's Zach Smith received a yellow card in the first half while Gustavus' Gabe Steinborn was cautioned in the second half.

The Gusties are one of Wartburg's toughest non-conference opponent as the Minnesota Conference school stands with a record of 6-1-1.

The Knight's losing streak reached three on Sunday in an 8-2 loss to non-conference opponent Carthage.

The Red Men (7-2) led 2-1 at halftime before a barrage of goals in the second half gave them a six-goal victory.

Azari and Jared Nelson scored goals for the Knights.

Jordan Innis had a hat trick for Carthage.

Wartburg has a week off before hosting UW-Whitewater Sunday at 4 p.m.

The Knights (2-5-1, 0-1) will face three IIAC opponents in a row, beginning with Simpson (6-4, 1-0) on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in Indianola. Wartburg will then host Coe (3-6, 0-1) Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. and Buena Vista (5-3-1, 0-1) Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Transfer running back making early impact

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Freshman running back Brandon Domeyer has played in all of Wartburg's first three games this year, contributing to his team's early success.

Domeyer has 48 yards rushing, 61 yards receiving and one touchdown in three games.

However, at this time last year, Domeyer was unsure whether he would ever play another down of football again.

As a four-sport athlete from West Delaware High School in Manchester, Iowa, Domeyer had many offers to play college football.

"Most of the Division III schools talked to me," Domeyer said. A few bigger schools like Northern Iowa and Iowa State also expressed interest in the talented running back.

As a senior, Domeyer broke several school records including most career touchdowns (41), and most career rushing yards (2,977) before losing in the Class 3A state semifinals to Bishop Heelan Catholic of Sioux City.

Wartburg head football coach Rick Willis saw Domeyer's potential and was eager to make him a Knight.

"We had identified Brandon as one of the top backs, for sure in northeast Iowa, if not the entire state," Willis said. "We knew he was an outstanding player so we recruited him really hard after his senior year and developed a good relationship with him through that process."

Freshman running back Brandon Domeyer looks for a hole in Wartburg's 27-3 win over Carthage on Sept. 15. —Shelby Granath/*TRUMPET*

Ultimately, Domeyer turned down the chance to play football at Wartburg and enrolled at The University of Northern Iowa.

"Throughout high school, I was a four-sport athlete and I just kind of got burnt out," Domeyer said. "I was ready to just start school. That's why I chose UNI."

Domeyer said he quickly realized that he belonged on the gridiron and transferred from UNI.

"For a few weeks, I was ready to just get back from class and sit in my room," said Domeyer. "After a while, I really started to miss it and I knew that I still had a shot to come back."

A major selling point for Domeyer's decision to transfer to Wartburg was the coaching staff and how they treated him during the recruiting process.

"I really liked them and I really trusted them," Domeyer said. "(Wartburg) is a really successful program. This is where I wanted to be."

Willis was thrilled when he heard of Domeyer's decision.

"I think he remembered that he had visited and liked Wartburg, and realized how much he missed football and being part of a team," Willis said. "He let us know that, and things kind of fell into place from there."

Offensive coordinator Matt Wheeler was also excited to hear about the decision.

"We thought a lot of him out of high school," Wheeler said. "We had to wait a year, but we got him anyway."

Although Domeyer is listed as a freshman, he comes into this year with a lot more experience than most.

"Even though he missed his first opportunity during the fall, he came here in January and got a feel for everything," Willis said. "When he came back this fall, he really wasn't your typical first year. He was more mature, more used to college."

This year, the coaching staff plans on utilizing Domeyer in multiple ways, both in the backfield and on special teams.

"He's versatile, and that's one thing about him that I like. He can catch the ball out of the backfield. He runs with good pad level and is tough to tackle," Wheeler said.

As for Domeyer's future, the coaching staff is excited to see what kind of player he can become.

"His potential in our program is unlimited," Willis said. "He should, with continued growth, development, and experience, continue to get better and better. He has the chance to be a very special player."

Knights down Dubuque in first Iowa Conference match

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Dubuque looked like they were going to make a close game out of it when Alexandra Watkins scored early in the first half to cut the defecit to two.

Reiter answered ten minutes later for her second goal of the game and sixth of the season to put all doubts of a comeback aside.

"It's all with the help of my teammates. It's just a good feeling to start conference play," Reiter said of her two-goal performance.

Benning added a fifth and final goal, her seventh of the season, in the 89th minute to give the Knights a 5-1 victory.

"We're getting there. I think we've made some really great strides," head coach Tiffany Pins said of the team's progression so far this season.

"We have some really tough games ahead of us so there's definitely room to grow and we're excited about the direction we're going."

The Knights outshot their opponents 30-9 including an 18-4 advantage in shots on goal.

Wartburg also had a big advantage in corner kicks as they earned twelve compared to just one for the Spartans.

"It's very exciting. We've been really looking forward to conference play so to come out with a strong win today was exciting," Reiter said.

Conference play opened around the IIAC Saturday as Central defeated Luther, 1-0, Simpson beat Coe, 1-0 and Loras took down Buena Vista, 4-0.

Pins said it will take consistency from the Knights to win a conference championship.

Wartburg goalkeeper Monica Noti gets ready to make a save in last year's IIAC chaampionship against Loras. — Sports Information

"If we can come in day in and day out like we did today for 90 minutes we're going to have a good season."

Wartburg (6-1-2) hosts UW-Whitewater (5-3) Sunday at 2 p.m.

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Wiegmann wins Flight C at IIAC Championships

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The Wartburg men's tennis team competed at the Iowa Conference Individual Championships this weekend at Luther College.

Yusuf Chowdry lost the opening round of Flight A singles to Zach Decker of Coe, 9-8. Also in Flight A, Blayne Willadsen had a walkover in his opening round but then lost to Riley Galbraith of Coe, 8-2

Brian Rasmussen lost to Ramesh Karkin of Luther, 8-1. Eric Hilpert lost in the opening round to Quinn Foley of Luther, 8-5.

In flight B singles, Koo Miyaki lost his first round match to Central's Tim Kahl, 8-5. Dayton Stevens won his first round match against Mitch Schumacher of Coe, 9-8, but lost his second round match to Luther's Sam Cychosz, 8-2.

DJ Grant lost 8-5 to Mark Kroll of Coe. Josh Trueblood beat Shawn Iben of Dubuque, 8-3, and then lost to Matt Knutson of Luther, 8-1, in the next round.

In Flight C singles, PJ Wessels won his opening round match over Ken Tucker of Loras, 8-3. He lost in the next round to Kyle Weeden of Buena Vista, 9-8.

Coy Wiegmann was the champion of Flight C singles, defeating Drake Bouska of Buena Vista in the final round, 8-6.

Wiegmann won three 8-2 matches over two Simpson players and teammate Nate Smith.

In Flight A doubles, the teams of Hilpert/Willadsen and Stevens/Trueblood both won their opening round matches, but fell in the second round.

The Knights will compete at ITA Regionals this weekend with play beginning Saturday.

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Brandon Domeyer gave up football last year but is now a key player for Wartburg 7

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday	Women's Tennis vs. Dubuque
Wednesday	Volleyball @ Simpson
Friday	Women's Golf @ IIAC (Cedar Falls)
	Volleyball @ UW-Whitewater Invite
Saturday	Women's Tennis vs. Simpson/Cent.
	Cross Country @ Roy Griak Invite
	Football @ Simpson
Sunday	M/W Soccer vs. UW-Whitewater
	Women's Tennis vs. Buena Vista

Miller to step down after season

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Legendary Wartburg wrestling co-head coach Jim Miller will retire after the 2012-13 season, athletic director Rick Willis announced Tuesday.

"This was not a spur of the moment decision," Miller said. "Sometimes in life you may not have a lot of specific reasons why you know it's right at this time, but you just know."

"I didn't really see it coming at first," junior wrestler Landon Williams said. "But after we talked about it, it didn't seem as big of a deal."

Miller was hired as head coach in 1991 and has won 20 consecutive Iowa Conference championships and nine NCAA Division III championships during his tenure.

The Knights have won 157 straight IIAC dual matches and four of the last five national championships, including the last two.

Miller's career record stands at 394-34-2. Thirty-four individual national champions and 138 All-Americans have wrestled under Miller.

Miller said he made the decision in mid-August and that hiring Keller was an easy decision.

Miller graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1975 and when he came to Wartburg in 1991, the Knights hadn't won a conference championship in 15 years.

"When I came, we had a solid program but we weren't winning championships. We had a group of athletes that took it upon themselves to change the culture of this place," Miller said.

Miller said at that time, he had a goal of winning one championship.

"Every once in awhile you get the ability to stop and look up and go, 'Wow! Did all that happen?'"

"For me, Wartburg wrestling became my dream job. I found out there were no limits on what you could accomplish here," Miller said.

Co-head coach Eric Keller, who has been with Wartburg for 12 years, will take over the program.

"The fate of Wartburg wrestling is going to be in his hands," senior wrestler Kodie Silvestri said. "I think he's going to bring Wartburg great success."

Both Silvestri and Williams said that knowing Keller will be the next head coach makes the transition much easier.

Keller has been with Miller at Wartburg for 12 years, beginning as an assistant from 2000-05.

In 2006, he became head coach at North Central College, leading the Cardinals to an undefeated record and being named the NWCA Rookie Coach of the Year.

One year later, he was back at Wartburg as associate head coach. He was named co-head coach in March of 2010.

"I am extremely humbled and honored to be taking over a program that has meant so much to me over the past 12 years both personally and professionally," Keller said.

"The lessons I have learned from him [Miller] extend far beyond the wrestling mat. He is a coaching legend and I truly believe there is no one better at mentoring young coaches," Keller said.

Miller will remain at Wartburg in a capacity that is yet to be determined. He will still be involved in wrestling.

"I am excited about this season and I wanted to get this announcement behind us so all would know the situation up front and our team and staff could move on and attack the upcoming year," Miller said.

"I am very, very proud of what has transpired here with our student-athletes on and off the mat."

Wartburg wrestling co-head coaches Jim Miller (left) and Eric Keller (front) alongside assistant coach Chris Ortner. —Sports Information

Noti sets career wins record

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Senior goalkeeper Monica Noti won her 35th career soccer match Saturday in a 5-1 victory over Dubuque.

Noti surpassed Christina Ernst on the school's all-time wins list.

"I guess I never really thought about it until [assistant coach] Kyle [Nelson] told me," Noti said.

"It's kinda cool but we're more worried about the team and how we're gonna go out from here."

Noti made three saves and gave up one goal in Wartburg's victory.

The Knights controlled the game from the opening kick and it only took them 15 minutes to find the back of the net as Rachel Torry put home her second of the season.

Two minutes later, Cathy Reiter's shot skipped off Dubuque goalkeeper Chelsea Hawkins' hands and trickled across the line for a 2-0 Knight lead.

With just over five minutes to play in the first half, Brittany Frush scored her first goal of the season, assisted by Kaylee Benning and Brinkley Werkman to give Wartburg a 3-0 halftime lead.

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No. 17 volleyball sweeps Loras in IIAC play

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The Wartburg volleyball team extended their winning streak to 13 by sweeping IIAC opponent Loras College in 3 sets (25-13, 27-25, 25-20) Wednesday night.

Set one was all Wartburg as the Knights jumped out to a 6-2 lead and never trailed as Kelly Niemann's kill clinched the 25-13 win.

Set two was a different story, however, as the teams battled back and forth before Loras went up 14-9.

Ramey Sieck sets the ball for Kaity Brouwer in Wartburg's 3-0 victory over Loras at Levick Arena Wednesday. —Emily Novotny/*TRUMPET*

The Knights came back to tie the set at 25 as Maddie Forsyth and Niemann's block forced an attack error on Cassie Crabill.

Then Forsyth's kill gave set point to Wartburg and the Knights took advantage as Ramey Sieck and Bailey Wilson's block forced an error from Kenzie Goedken.

"We don't get rattled when we get behind so sometimes you see a run go and that's what you saw," head coach Jennifer Walker said of the Knight's comeback.

"We are great finishers as soon as someone hits 20, either our team or their team, we kick in the afterburners and come back and battle," Walker said.

Loras again took the lead in set three, leading by four points multiple times at 10-6 and 14-10.

Wartburg trailed up until tying the game at 19, then six straight points gave the Knights the match.

Kelly Niemann's kill fittingly ended the match.

Niemann had an impressive match, leading all Knights in kills with 13 and having a .065 hitting percentage.

"She has been pulling numbers like that all season, she just gets kill after kill," head coach Jennifer Walker said.

Bailey Wilson put in seven kills of her own, Britlyn Sieck had nine and Ramey Sieck had five kills to go along with 36 assists.

The Knights beat the Duhawks in the team block category recording six while Loras only had one.

Wartburg is 2-0 in the Iowa Conference and 13-1 overall.

The Knights were off this weekend and return to IIAC play Wednesday against Simpson in Indianola.

The No. 17 ranked Knights will compete at the UW-Whitewater Invitational Friday and Saturday.

The Knights will open the tournament with former IIAC foe Cornell (8-6) Friday at 5 p.m.

The Rams ended Wartburg's season last year with an upset in the Iowa Conference Tournament.

No. 12 Elmhurst (10-4) will be Wartburg's next opponent Friday at 7 p.m.

Saturday the Knights open with host No. 13 UW-Whitewater (12-4) at 10 a.m. and will finish the tournament with UW-Oshkosh (11-6) at noon.

IIAC VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Wartburg	**2-0**	**13-1**
Coe	2-0	9-6
Luther	1-1	8-6
Dubuque	1-1	7-7
Loras	1-1	5-9
Simpson	1-1	3-11
Buena Vista	0-2	4-12
Central	0-2	2-10